

REMARKS

Claims 27-34 of the present application remain pending.

DOUBLE PATENTING

Claims 27-30 are provisionally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as claiming the same invention as that of Claims 27-30 of co-pending Application No. 09/590,936. The Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 27-30 of co-pending Application No. 09/590,936 were withdrawn from examination effective November 10, 2003 due to the subject matter of Claims 27-30 being identified as a separately patentable species from the subject matter of Claims 1-26. Furthermore, the Notice of Allowance for co-pending Application No. 09/590,936, mailed November 19, 2004, states that Claims 1-26 are allowed and that Claims 27-30 have been cancelled. The Applicants respectfully submit that the provisional rejection of Claims 27-30 under 35 U.S.C. 101 is overcome.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating the allowable subject matter of Claims 31-34.

CONCLUSION

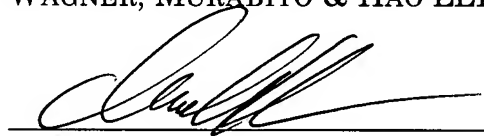
Based on the arguments presented above, the Applicants respectfully assert that Claims 27-34 overcome the rejections of record and, therefore, the Applicants respectfully solicit allowance of these Claims.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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